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COMMUNICATION REGARDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention that the preliminary amendment filed on 21 December 2001 was submitted with improper format. The multiple dependencies were not removed from the amended claims (5-7, 10-21 and 23-26) as listed in the preliminary amendment. The accompanying marked-up copy, however, did remove the multiple dependencies from these claims. The Applicant respectfully requests that the intention to remove all multiple dependencies from this application be viewed on the basis of the marked-up version of said claims and that no multiple dependency fee be charged to the Applicant.

The Applicant encloses herewith a second preliminary amendment in correct format that effectively removes all multiple dependencies. The Applicant requests that this amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-referenced application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment

IN THE ABSTRACT

Insert the attached Abstract page into the application as the last page thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A courtesy copy of the present specification is enclosed herewith.

However, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

CLAIMS

- 5. A method according to any of the claims 1 to 4, characterized by using a reagent comprising fluorescent binding molecules with specific affinity for one analyte, or comprising fluorescent analogues of, or fluorescent fragments of, or fluorescent derivatives of one analyte only.
- 6. A method according to any of the claims 1 to 5, characterized by the use of a reagent comprising different fluorescent moities covalently bound to different binding molecules with different specific affinities.
- 7. A method according to any of the claims 1 to 6, characterized by the use of a reagent comprising one or more peptides or derivatives of peptides with specific binding affinity